

We cannot be too careful to keep every thought and word and action in line with the purpose of the meeting.

4. A hindrance which is all too common is the lack of training on the part of the members. They need to be taught by the pastor how to do personal work. The Methodists may carry mechanical means too far in their efforts to win 2,000,000 souls this year but there is a good side to the effort too. It is better to err on the side of zeal than on the side of laziness.

5. I must briefly mention a last and greatest hindrance which all have seen, namely, inconsistencies in the lives of Christians. They are the barnacles on the ship. Dr. Chapman went all the way from New York to Indiana to make right a wrong done ten years before. Two men were converted on the spot and over a thousand souls were led to Christ by Dr. Chapman that year. O let us search our lives, make right our wrongs, have peace in our churches and clear the way for a glorious revival wave this year of our Lord 1900!

Life Thoughts

Life has its beatitudes. There are some aspirations, some conditions, some lines of life, some processes of thought that are eternally blessed. Purity of heart is one of these blessed states. A man may be blessed in what he is, in what he sees and in what he has. Purity of soul advantages a man in these three respects, ennobling the man himself, widening his horizon, and enriching his life with inestimable benefits.

The reward of purity is vision. "Learn to see," says Ruskin, "it is poetry, prophecy, and religion all in one." Someone has said: "Tell what you see, and I will tell you what you are." We might reverse that saying and make it read: Tell me what you are and I will tell you what you see." The vision of the pure, in a word, in one great word, is the vision of God. Purity conditions the sight of God. It is so because it must be so. "Be ye holy, for I am holy," announces not an arbitrary demand but a moral necessity. Only that which is like God can approach him.

No experience can possibly be so blessed as the vision of God, as communion with the great Father of spirits. Toward that goal, in spite of all failures and discouragements, the sincere believer is all the while working. Step by step he is nearing that goal, day by day his eyes are being opened the wider to the mysteries of God. As this world recedes, the eager pilgrims of the kingdom find their faces lightening more and more with the radiance of the Celestial City, rejoicing in the near consummation of the supreme hope:

"And when the heavenly life on earth is ended,
And Christ shall touch the lingering film away,
When he shall come, by angel guards attended,
'They shall see God,' thru one eternal day."

--New York Observer.

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